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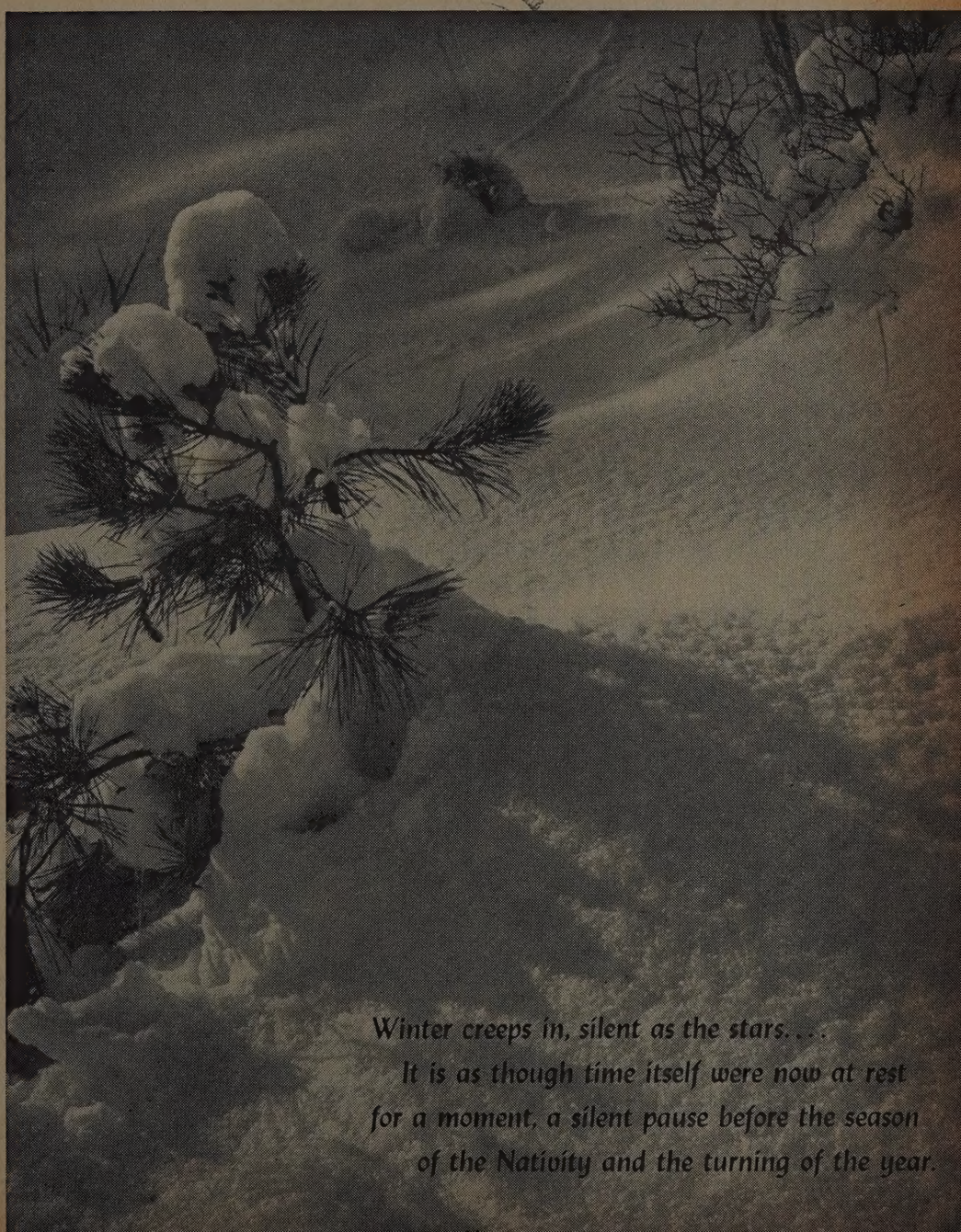

Winter creeps in, silent as the stars. . . .
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of the Nativity and the turning of the year.

The quiet days and the silent nights

are at hand. One walks abroad in the hushful evening, a quiet so deep that footsteps are exaggerated even in their echo and voices carry on the chill air an amazing distance. So deep the silence that we shall hear the faintest whisper of the first snow.

Gone is the crisp rustle of September leaves. Gone the loud complaint of the katydids, the crickets and all the other insects of early Fall. The frogs and peepers are silent. The chipmunks are resting from their frantic scurrying of the harvest season, and the squirrels go quietly about their business. Winds that rushed through the treetops of six weeks ago now sway the naked branches with a cold swish. Even the streams have ceased their brawling.

Winter creeps in, silent as the stars; only when it is full upon us will it howl around the house corner and rattle its icy knuckles at the door and windows. It is as though time itself were now at rest for a moment, a solemn pause before the season of the Nativity and the turning of the year.

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The Third of Four Advent Meditations

WORTHY of the LORD

The Editor

his Epistle to the Colossians, Paul tells the members the congregation that he continues to pray that they y "lead a life worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to m, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing the knowledge of the Lord." It would be difficult to d a better summary of what is meant by the Chris- n life than that.

This passage has a bearing on the things we have n saying concerning Advent, particularly that aspect ich we began thinking about last week—Christ's com- to men today. You will perhaps remember the hymn ich was quoted in the first of the Advent meditations. e question was raised, "O how shall I receive Thee, w meet Thee on Thy way?" The answer, when we nk of Christ's coming today, is that we shall do it leading a life worthy of the Lord.

There is involved here a basic principle and a funda- ntal fact. The basic principle is this: *Christians are ferent.* Oh, yes, I know that some folks say that that ust the trouble with so-called Christians—they think y are better than anyone else. Actually, that is not the nt at all. The point is that Christians are people who e had an experience of salvation. They know that rist Jesus came into the world to save sinners. They ow that they live in Him. They know that their tude toward life, their code, their conduct, in short, everything connected with their lives is based on the fact that they belong to God through Jesus Christ. If that does not make them different from people who have not had the experience of salvation, then there must be something radically wrong. That is the basic principle. Let us state it again: Christians are different.

The fundamental fact is that this difference has to show itself both inwardly and outwardly. Inwardly, there has been a complete re-creation. Recall that Scripture says that "if any man be in Christ Jesus, he is a new creature: old things have passed away, behold all has become new." In short, it is a different being which has come forth, created anew through baptism. Outwardly, of course, the difference shows itself in a person's attitude toward people, things, situations, and circumstances.

It is quite a simple matter to outline in words what a life worthy of the Lord consists of. It is a life of obedience, of trust, and of purpose. All this results in a life of witness. Let us look at each of those briefly.

A life of obedience is a life which is confronted to the will of God. He has written in the heart of the Christian His law. He has made the keeping of that law a matter of loving obedience. In fact, the whole thing is put in terms of love. "We love because He

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first loved us." That, obviously, implies that we know that He loves us. The outgrowth of His love for us is that we love Him. Out of that grows, further, the absolute necessity of our loving others. All of that issues in obedience to the guidance of God. In His Word, He directs us: by His Holy Spirit, He guides us. The result is a life of obedience to Him.

In the second place, a life worthy of the Lord is a life of trust. I think I prefer to use the word "trust" rather than "faith" in this particular connection. Trust is reliance, dependence. It is quite easy for us to understand that there cannot be obedience unless there is trust, surely not in the Christian sense. It is true that if I am an exceptionally stern and unloving father who "lays down the law to my children," I may exact from them a certain kind of obedience. However, it will more than likely be an unwilling obedience, and that, in the Christian sense, is not obedience at all.

Therefore we need to stress the trust we have in God. He is our Father: Jesus taught us that. He loves us, cares for us, and watches over us. The result of that is that we walk trustingly as He guides us, accepting everything as a gift from His hand, knowing that He works all things for good to them that love Him. That, very simply put, is a life of trust.

A life worthy of the Lord, one walked in trusting obedience to God, can never be a purposeless life. Do you know anything more tragic than a life that does not have purpose? We do run across people who seem to lead aimless lives, who do not seem to be trying to get anywhere in particular, and who, accordingly, just don't get anywhere. It is quite impossible to think of a Christian life that is without purpose. Each Christian knows that he is called to the service of the Lord. His purpose in life may best be stated in another word of the Apostle Paul, "That in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ."

When a person applies that to his everyday life, it means a number of things. It means, in the first place, that he knows that whatever position he holds is a ministry devoted to God. The scrub woman is fully as much a servant of the Lord as is the bishop. The most unskilled worker serves the Lord with his little skill just as faithfully as does the most highly skilled. It also means that one finds happiness in whatever he believes that God has given him to do. There is, truth to tell, nothing like "failure" for a child of God. A life dedicated to God will always be successful in the eyes of God Himself.

Earlier I have mentioned as a sort of summary of everything that is involved in a life worthy of the Lord that it is a life of *witness*. The point is that God in His wisdom has ordained that the spreading of His Kingdom and the message of salvation has been entrusted to human beings who have themselves experienced the joys of being Christians. That makes it quite inevita that every Christian life is a life of witness. It has b said so often that it scarcely needs to be repeated t the words and deeds of Christians possibly do more influence a non-Christian individual toward accept the Lord Jesus Christ than any other human instrume That does not mean that God the Holy Spirit is working. Of course He is. It is His work through Word of God which has the power, of course.

Nevertheless, God does use the witness of people bring others to the feet of Jesus Christ. Our Lord H self exhorted His disciples, "Let your light so sh before men that they may see your good works glorify your Father who is in heaven." That is putt the whole nature of witness in the fewest possible wo

All this is so familiar! We all know it, and it all sou simple. However, there is not a Christian living will agree that it is simple. The truth is that there ne has been and there never will be a Christian on ea who leads a life which is altogether worthy of the L altogether pleasing to Him, and which bears fruit every good work. The reason? Simply the fact that are in a sinful world, and that our sins continue to b us. Think of that a little more, will you? There are so Christians who are simply uninformed. I had a c versation the other day with a young pastor wh ministry is altogether with college and university dents. He made the rather astonishing statement t most of those he deals with seem to know the fun mentals of the Christian doctrine well. However, he s there are mighty few of them who seem to realize t the things they had learned theoretically are to applied practically in all situations of life. That i matter of lack of understanding. These folks are w we might call uninformed Christians, and certainly th lives fall far short of being fully worthy of the Lor

Then there are Christians who are inconsistent. Wh among us have not been guilty of a sin which inconsistent with the Christian life that the Lord taught us? An inconsistent Christian does not lea life worthy of the Lord.

Finally, there are Christians who are indifferent. us not say that the light of Christ has gone out in th lives. Let us rather say that their first love has coo and, of course, if that indifference continues, the li will finally go out.

These are sober and serious things. One of the g blessings of Advent is that it is the time of the Christ year which makes it possible for us to face up squa to the facts as they are. Above all it is the time of y which makes us understand that only as we use time to make our lives more worthy of the Lord we actually receiving Him as He wishes to come i our hearts.

The Refugees From Hungary . . .

Everyone Wants to Help

Jean Olson
Department of World Service, LWF

Please help us so that we can really celebrate Christmas — with Holy Communion and hymn singing. We could not for so many years . . .

is a terribly old-looking building, this Evangelical me in Weidling near Vienna—huge, yellow-grey con- ction which obviously needs repair. However, the dren who spend summer vacations there near the utiful Vienna Woods don't much care about the ks so long as there are understanding "house mothers" keep them comforted and lots of room in which to .

Inder ordinary conditions, the building would be pty in the winter, and so it was until early in Novem- But few people these days are living or working ler "ordinary conditions," and so one wing of the Home was opened and new occupants moved in— igees from Hungary, 29 of them—16 children, nine n, and four women. One young couple had a two- nths-old baby whom they had pushed in a carriage ny miles from their Hungarian home across the bor- into free Austria. The carriage looked a bit road- n—but it was more than most refugee couples with ies had and was, therefore, a prized possession.

Also under ordinary conditions, Sister Magdalena Hellerman would have spent November working in a children's home run by the Bavarian Lutheran Church in Germany. But when the stream of frightened refugees entered Austria, she could not stay in Bavaria when her knowledge of Hungarian could be used to help them. Only two years ago, she had been a refugee when she left Yugoslavia after many years of persecution. She knew what it was like to have fled, to live in a camp, and to suffer the anxiety of not knowing what to do or where to go. She took a month's "vacation" from her work and left for Vienna.

Dressed in her long, gray deaconess uniform with a large white apron and starched white cap, Sister Hellerman and her confident friendly manner provided a stableness to the Home life and a relief from the chaos which had enveloped the refugees for the past few weeks. The men were going to be interviewed tomorrow, shaving sets had been ordered, basins in which to wash the babies were on the way, and Hilfswerk,

relief agency of the Austrian Lutheran Church, had promised to get them underclothing in addition to the overcoats, shoes, and sweaters already sent.

Things were improving. The thoughtfulness of a local school teacher who had asked his children to contribute their used clothing to the Hungarians was also much appreciated, particularly since the clothing was not very used, an indication of the concern which all felt for the refugees' plight.

Everyone Wants to Help

The Weidling Home is only one of five Evangelical homes in different parts of Austria being used for refugee housing during the emergency period. All relief agencies were trying to prevent the need for these people to stay in large camps, where the depressive and crowded living conditions are ideal for political ferment and moral decay. The refugees are invited to remain in the homes until they can be integrated or moved to another country, as they wish.

The flood of 15,000 refugees into Austria has brought with it much tragedy which weighs on the hearts of the Austrians and the whole Western world. The pitiful sight of women searching the faces of each new arrival in camp for lost loved ones and of the brave Freedom Fighters forced to give up their struggle for liberty and flee before overwhelming odds is not pleasant to see. But along with the refugees coming to Austria, an estimated 1,000 per day, thousands of tons of help are coming too and thousands of offers of aid of all kinds fill letters, telephones, telegrams and radios throughout the country. Everyone wants to help.

Evangelical Hilfswerk, which has been channeling Hungarian refugee relief from most of the Protestant churches, reported November 8 that more than $60,000 worth of food, clothing, medicines and money had been received, particularly from the Lutheran World Federation, World Council of Churches, and German and Swiss church relief agencies. Further shipments and checks were arriving daily. With the $250 contributed by the Women's Guild of the American Church in Geneva, church workers in Vienna bought much needed paper diapers which were brought to a camp of 4,500 persons where mothers had no opportunity to wash out diapers before being sent to other areas.

The Wonderful Austrians!

And the wonderful Austrians! How they responded to this emergency! Special church collections were taken and parsonages left open for gifts which arrived numbers beyond estimation, even from poor distr People collected food and clothing from door to d and brought packages to the Hilfswerk office in Vie

The story of Wiener Neustadt should be told. T little city south of Vienna had been notified by the A trian government last week to accept 1,000 refugee three days. They were to be housed in a former Rus barracks, which was without gas, light, or runn water. The townspeople swarmed to help and insta all this material themselves. They also diverted a s ment of beds from their own hospital and used them the barracks. All was sparkling clean when the refu arrived. The city did not have enough money to pay employees afterwards, but went into debt without c plaint. Many benefit concerts and sports events h been held to raise money for aid, and anyone buy materials for the refugees usually gets a few extra it without cost.

Most heartening are the offers from other nation accept refugees for resettlement. Switzerland took 1 the first week, with Holland, France, and Belgium r on her heels. Sweden, Portugal, England and Ame have also offered room and, processing is now u way for those who wish to be moved as quickly possible. The church resettlement agencies in all t countries are being asked to help these people find and homes when they arrive—a task which will no easy. There are refugees of all ages and talents, inc ing many former Communist Party members who up their cards when the spark for freedom touched the revolution. They'll need to be welcomed, underst and helped. They're hoping the hearty invitations not be followed by icy stares or keep-your-dist attitudes.

. . . Christmas Again

There is something else they will be looking for,

Some 600 students and 40 professors and teac from the University of Oedenburg (Sopron), Hung just over the Austrian border, fled together into neu Austria when the Russian tanks threatened to surro them. They announced that they wanted to re-estab the University intact in the free West, and offers of for this project were received from all over the wo They need not worry about getting a school or book scholarships or housing. And when asked if there anything else that could be done for them, one Protes assistant professor replied:

"Yes, please help us so that we can really celeb Christmas openly with Holy Communion and hy singing again. We could not for so many years."

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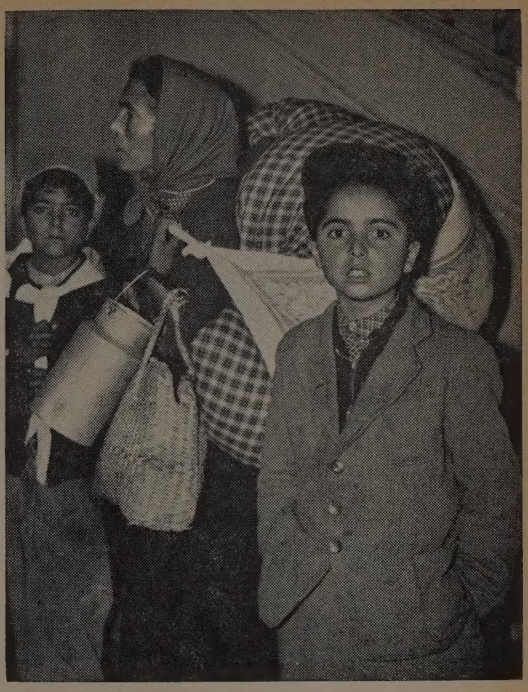
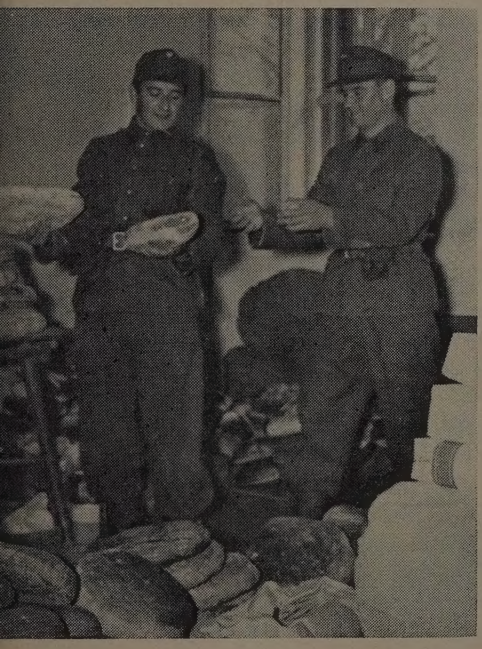


Hungarian gypsies were among the refugees coming into Austria when the Russians began their counter-offensive to recapture the country. They are shown in Camp Traiskirchen, near Vienna, where they await shipment further inland.

ian soldiers sort out loaves of bread at Camp Trais-en. Here 4,500 refugees from Hungary have to be l for. Evangelisches Hilfswerk is also helping with the bution of food and clothing at this camp.



Above: Hungarian students from the U. of Sopron (Odenburg), Hungary, fled together over the Austrian border when the new fighting began with the Russians, knowing that little could be done. Many of them still wear the red-green-white armband which identifies them as "Freedom Fighters." Of a university of about 1,000, some 450 students and 35 professors escaped together and are temporarily housed in Camp Traiskirchen.

Left: We made it! These Austrians had just returned from bringing a convoy of relief goods into Budapest under the auspices of Evangelische Hilfswerk in Vienna. Red Cross flags on the trucks and armbands on all personnel helped the convoy make a safe return just hours before the Russians started their counter-offensive.

Don't Wait — — Give Now!

RAYMOND M. OLSON
Director of Stewardship

The Luther Seminary Development Fund can be provided in full in th closing days of 1956! It can be provided within a week! But, we must wait. We must give now.

We ought to provide this Development Fund in full. The ELC is be asked how well it understands the importance of a well-equipped Theol ical Seminary, and how ready it is to provide it. We cannot afford to do than provide the $1,500,000. There are other needs, but this is the one meet now. We have waited too long already.

This is the way we can do it:

Every reader of these lines makes a year-end gift. For some it would be $5 or $10, for others $50 or $100, for others $1,000 or $10,000. It can be sent through your congregation, or directly to the Treasurer of the ELC, 422 South Fifth Street, Minneapolis. If you send directly to Minneapolis, your congregation will be credited, providing you give us the information. It is easy to do. It is possible to do. It is important to do.

Every congregation checks up on the amount it has given, the amount ready to send, and the amount which it ought to give as a minimum. Then, to make sure, send more than the minimum on its way. This might come out of the benevolence treasury, from special offerings, or from special solicitations. The guide for a congregation is the fact that the Seminary Fund is 35% of the present regular Budget of the ELC.

The Man of the Centuries

Harold B. Kildahl, Jr.

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT
December 16, 1956

Text: Matthew 11:11-15

A leading news magazine is already receiving letters nominating various candidates for the designation, Man of the Year. It is a regular practice. There are the "Best Dressed Men of the Year," the "Athlete of the Year," the "Photographer of the Year," and the "Beauty of the Year." The coveted place of "Man of the Year" has many aspirants.

It is, therefore, rather startling to come face to face with the Lord's nomination to the place of "Man of the Centuries." He was a man named John. His greatness cannot be measured in the usual terms, but in the unusual. He led no army. He invented no new device. He uncovered no secret of the atom. He attained no real public acclaim. He had a following, to be sure, but not for long. And yet, in spite of the fact that as the world measures greatness he was no great figure, our Lord measures him in the words of the text, as the "Man of the Centuries." He was the greatest—greater than all others, according to Christ. But why?

The answer is rather simple. He was great because he was convinced by the truth, and could not be sha "by the wind." Truth, the truth of God's Word promise, the truth of the place of Christ and His miss the truth of redemption and "being born again," truth that a man can be a child of God possessed mind and heart and rendered him obedient to truth.

He was great because he was obedient. He did yield. He was not shifting in his stand, nor did he in to popular demands. He insisted again and a that truth must be observed and practiced—that it essential to salvation.

He was great because he lived a dedicated life. gave his life, really, for the cause. He had foun cause that was greater than himself and therefore wo of his life.

Greatness—such greatness is to be sought—an can be found by all of us if we will adhere to truth obedient to the truth, and dedicate our lives to Christ of God and the salvation of our fellowmen, whom our Lord and Savior gave Himself.

You may not be nominated as "Man of the Year," friend—but in heaven's eyes, you can be great, as persevere in the way of truth and life, now and etern

Lord, grant us by Thy grace, true greatness of f of trust, of obedience, and of love, that day by day may show forth Thy praise. Amen.

EDITORIALS

r. Oscar L. Olson—Educator

ce again the editorial pages of LUTHERAN HERALD tribute to one of the educators of The Evangelical heran Church who has left his imprint upon the ire Church, and whose daily walk among us is now led. We refer to Dr. Oscar L. Olson, president of her College, Decorah, Iowa, from 1921 to 1932. A mal obituary appears in this issue, giving the details Dr. Olson's life and career.

Not many men have devoted so long a life to the cational ministry among us. His ministry included reat deal more than his period of service in the pres- ncy of one of our colleges. He taught for some years he secondary schools of the Church. Then followed ny years as professor of English and head of the glish department at Luther College. When President K. Preus died in 1921, Dr. Olson became president of college, one of the few laymen ever to occupy such osition in our Church. When he retired from the sidency in 1932, at his own request, he again took up rk as a teacher, this time chiefly in the field of losophy. He continued in this position until his re- ment some years ago. His was, in other words, a life devoted exclusively to the educational ministry of our Church.

Seldom has a man succeeded to the presidency of a college under more difficult circumstances than Dr. Olson did. This was soon after the close of World War I. For the colleges in general, and for Luther College in particular, it was a period of violent transition. An era in the life of Luther College ended with the death of President Preus. To his successor's lot it fell to lead the college into the new, difficult, and perplexing postwar era. Before his term ended, the depression was upon us, making the economic situation in many ways almost desperate. The difficulties were not lessened by the fact that Luther College was at that time a college for men only, with a consequently smaller student body.

We who have known Dr. Olson for many years, as teacher, as president, or, above all, as friend, honor his memory. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in general and Luther College in particular owe him a debt of gratitude which can never be paid. Blessed be the memory of Oscar L. Olson—Educator.

ur Gifts Are Precious

s is the time of the year when almost every mail ngs some sort of letter soliciting financial support this or that cause. The other day the editor received e such letters in a single mail. Two of them were eals for financial help for institutions ministering eedy boys. One was from a non-Lutheran institution ne which regularly circularizes a tremendous mailing including, evidently, tens of thousands of homes nin The Evangelical Lutheran Church.

he other came from our own Plymouth Christian uth Center in Minneapolis. Far more modest in its roach, it yet lays before us the aspirations and the ds of this new member of our family of institutions the help of less fortunate children.

s we read the letters, the thought came that perhaps who are members of the Church should be more erning when we allocate our gifts. We realize full that that statement is open to criticism. Therefore hasten to say that the distribution one makes of money one gives to the work of the Lord is distinctly veen the giver and his God. No one has a right to ate to a person how or to whom or in what amount n gifts shall be given.

There are different viewpoints which seem to satisfy different people. Many of us, never neglecting the claims of our congregation or synodical organization, find that there are many special projects to which we like to give. There is something especially satisfying about being able to select, for a part of our giving, this or that cause in which we have a particular interest. We have always believed that such giving is "plus" giving rather than "instead-of" giving. It should not be competitive with our giving to our congregation or synodical organization.

The point we would like to emphasize here is that our gifts are precious. Suppose that you are a tither. Even so, the amount of money available to you for gifts is limited. Does it not become a Christian duty to recognize how precious the gifts are and to make it a matter of serious thought and study and prayer to have those gifts given where they can do the most good?

We have the feeling that the Plymouth Christian Youth Center may be a case in point. Does it not seem that this institution—one of our own—should have the right of way over similar institutions which have no connection with our Church?

Our Compassionate Savior

These pages planned by Mrs. Harold Siqueland, General Charities Secretary

Along the highways and byways of life there walks today, as in days of old, a Figure of majestic bearing, yet humble, compassionate, loving, and understanding. We hear Him say: "Can a woman forget her sucking child? Yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget" (Isaiah 49:5). *"The needy shall not always be forgotten"* (Psalm 9:18). *"I am father of the fatherless and judge of the widows"* (Psalm 68:5). *"I forget not the cry of the humble"* (Psalm 9:12). *How it must gladden the Savior's heart this holy Christmas season as He looks out upon His Church and sees its growing concern and love for the poor and the needy, the wayward and the delinquent, the aged and the children, the fatherless and the widows, the humble and the forgotten ones.*

A CHALLENGE AND AN OPPORTUNITY

Our Plymouth Youth Center

Too often in the crowded, confused, blighted areas of our land, the light of Christ's Church has dimmed.

At 322 Plymouth Ave. N., Minneapolis, your Church is attempting to reach the heart of the problem. In this blighted section, heavily populated with a mixture of racial and cultural backgrounds, the Plymouth Christian Youth Center stands as an instrument of Christ's absorbing witness of love. The national pattern of delinquency among juveniles and adults finds a particular focus in this area.

The ministry of love at this center is founded in Christ's commands and His concern for the young. In a seven-days-a-week program, through religious instruction, athletics and recreation, arts and crafts, music and dramatics, visitation and probation counseling, the Plymouth Youth Center is providing for positive growth and development.

Boys and girls of all ages, engaged in creative expression, are sharing the joy of the Christian life.

—Ham Muus, Director

The Plymouth Christian Youth Center is a neighborhood settlement house organized and operated by the students of the Luther Theological Seminary for the purpose of extending the Kingdom of God among children of a blighted area, regardless of status, race, creed, or cultural background. The parents are reached through the children and home visitation.

—Ray Runkel
Seminary Assistant

Have you prayed for and given a gift toward this work of faith? Would that we had more Christian centers like this, reaching out in the bligh areas of our large cities, and bring the transforming love and power God into direct contact with spirit ly warped and dwarfed young live

CENTERS OF REHABILITATING LOVE

Our Children's Homes

Over the doors of our Christian dren's homes today, we might put these words of God: "Behol make all things new" (Revelati 21:5).

Thank you for remembering Home and for promoting interest the important work of rehabilitat young lives. We need an active cern on the part of many people if are to help these children. Most of children today are emotionally u and need better qualified people work with them. Because they are set, we can be more effective in w ing with smaller numbers at a t Therefore I say we need many sons actively concerned about this gram if we are to be successful. T people can be "actively" concerned means of their own gifts and through interpreting the program developing the interest of others.

—A. M. Banker
Bethesda Children's H
Beresford, So. Dak.

Thanksgiving Dinner at Plymouth Youth Center

FROM DESPAIR TO JOY

Armed with only her black Bible h her name in gold on the cover, ne clothes in a box, and the knowl- e that her Lord would help her in new home, Darlene left Parkland theran Children's Home to go to a er home.

Darlene was only ten years old en she waited in an anteroom of Court while the Judge deprived parents of her custody, with sub- uent placement at Parkland. Her ntally ill father had violated all es when Darlene became the victim his uncontrolled lust. A very weak ther offered no support. Darlene reason to fail in her grade that vious year, for her home environ- nt was too disturbing to concentrate school work, on making friends, or ead a normal child's life. She didn't gh, she hardly talked, she never yed with other children. Although lene had average intelligence, she constantly failing in school. This ught her to the attention of the ting teacher, whose report on home ditions was such that the court was ed into the case.

epresentatives of Parkland Chil- n's Home were present in the court day and saw the look of fear come r Darlene's face when the Social rker told her she was to go to the kland Children's Home. She had er seen the Children's Home and w nothing about it. Leaving her nts' home, inadequate as it was, almost too much for her, but she t along.

During her first year of treatment Parkland, she showed little im- vement. After talking with her, the chiatrist was hesitant to say what d be done for her, as her relation- to him was so poor. At regular meetings her houseparents told of obvious withdrawal and non-par- pation in playground activities. ekly visits with the social worker ined the same negative result.

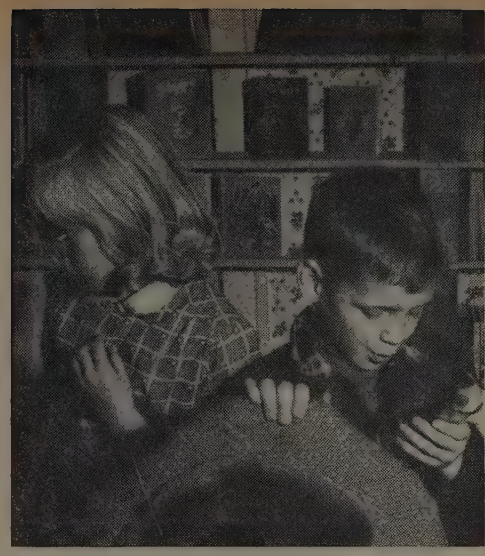
radually Darlene became more ag- sive, first in her relationship to the al worker, and then to the house- nts. Great was their surprise when r being at Parkland twelve months, asked if she could read the Scrip- at evening devotions, her first nteer act since her admittance. In her visits to the social worker, she got to the point where she could differ, even to raising her voice.

After another year at Parkland, it was our satisfaction to refer her back to the court for foster placement. A Christian Home was found especially for her, in a rural area. There were two other children in the home, but after several visits it was determined that Darlene was not troubled by their presence.

She had gone "home," not to her original home, but to a Christian home she could accept and that could accept her as the outgoing pleasant girl she was becoming.

—H. L. Webber
Casework Supervisor,
Parkland Children's Home

Pray for our children's homes and support them generously. May God help us to establish many more such Christian rehabilitation centers for today's bewildered children.



A quiet spot to read or to check on your caterpillar's activities in the library at Plymouth Youth Center.

ON THE MARCH

Our Sunset Homes

News of our ever growing program of homes for aged must bring joy to our Master who from the cross arranged for the care of His own mother, Mary. From Saskatoon, Canada, in the north, where a new, modern Home was dedicated in June, to Clifton, Texas, in the south, where the new infirmary of Clifton Lutheran Sunset Home was dedicated in November, and from many places in between, we hear of homes being built to the glory of God. Congregations, Lutheran Brotherhoods, Women's Missionary Federation groups, and individuals are rallying around these building programs.

Perhaps the most inspiring story today comes from the South Dakota District. In the October issue of the "Bethesda Homes Messenger," we read of the cornerstone laying of the new, modern 60-bed nursing home being built at Webster, So. Dak. But even more intriguing is the story of a definite plan for a "chain of Bethesda Homes for the Aged throughout the state." Spots pinpointed on the map for such possible Homes include Rapid City, Sioux Falls, Madison, Mitchell, Lemmon, Brookings, Pierre, Watertown, Yankton, and Aberdeen. In most of these communities, interested individuals, groups, or circuit committees are already planning, working and in some instances raising funds for the new ELC homes for the aged.

"Where cross the crowded ways of life,
Where sound the cries of race and clan,
Above the noise of selfish strife
We hear Thy voice, O Son of Man."

Luoma Photo

Rejoice in the Lord alway:
And again I say, Rejoice.
Let your moderation be known unto all men:
The Lord is at hand.
Be careful for nothing:
But in everything by prayer and supplication
With thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.
Lord, Thou hast been favorable unto Thy land:
Thou hast brought back the captivity of Jacob.

The Third Week in Advent

Theme for the Week's Devotions:

Thus saith the Lord, Keep ye judgment, and do justice: for my salvation is near to come, and my righteousness to be revealed. Blessed is the man that doeth this, and the son of man that layeth hold on it.

Isaiah 56:1-2

The Word for the week Isaiah, chapters 56 to 63

The Third Sunday in Advent

Light the third candle and sing:

O come, O come, Immanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

ANON

For the Family Story Hour:

This week read with the family stories such as "W the Chimes Rang," "The Little Match Girl" and oth which pick from our eyes the crust of our blindness the suffering of others. Can the children—perhaps gether with some neighbor children—plan a little p to present, or special carols to sing, for some shut-in to give about in the neighborhood? American child go about on Hallowe'en and May Basket Day to t neighbors. Can we not go about with the richness fullness of the Christmas Message?

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O lovely way to ce
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xcerpts from . . .

The Festival of Christmas

A Book of Days

by Mary Hinderlie and Edna Hong
Available at Augsburg Publishing House,
75 cents a copy

ings to Do:

This is the week for decorating! Why not make it week also for studying together great Christmas art? ildren will love to compare scenes of the Nativity as tured by the great artists of past and present. The etropolitan Museum of Arts has a wonderful series small prints on the Christmas Story. Past *Christmas* nuals are a valuable source of Christmas art. Cheap nts are available from church publishing houses. rrent magazines usually print both old and con-nporary pictures. Cut them out and carefully tape em over your present pictures. Some you can save m year to year. Frame and shellac them and hang em in place of your usual pictures.

Some people make a gay bulletin board of all last r's Christmas cards. Others use the cards for this r as they come. Enjoy them to the fullest!

Hang a little cluster of sleigh bells where tiny hands reach to jingle them. A Christmas bell on the d of a light pull?

Let the children decorate their own rooms in their n way. They will imitate you in your decorating—and leave you far behind, too. If they are fortunate enough to have their own personal bulletin boards in their rooms, let them fill them with their own Christmas art work.

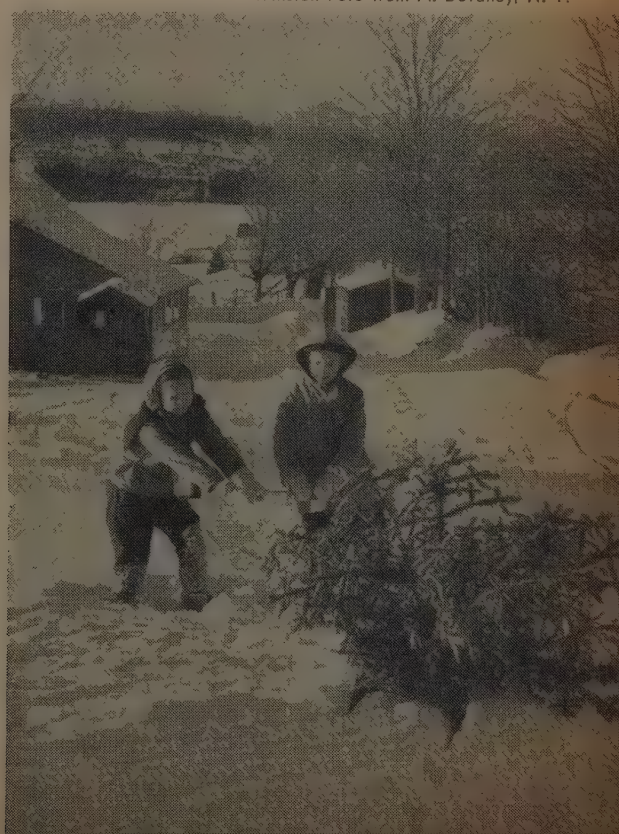
Make a Christmas wreath with the children and hang it on the front door—or the back door, if that is where your friends come. Bear in mind that the language of the home-made is far more eloquent than the language of the shop-bought.

The Friday Before the Fourth Sunday in Advent

Fetch the Christmas tree. Let it be a family trip, even if only to the nearest tree lot and not to a forest. Let the children have a voice in the selection.

For the evening's story hour read Hans Christian Andersen's story of "The First Christmas Tree."

Winston Pote from A. Devaney, N. Y.



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trees, we pray

or Christmas Day!

Christmas Trees" by
Violet Alleyn Storey

Looking for a summer job? There are opportunities for you in the

YPLL Volunteer Services Program

The Luther League is happy to anounce that a program of volunteer service has been set up for young people, ages 18-24, next summer. Brief descriptions of the various types of service follow:

Bible Camp Caravans

Two men and two women from our church colleges, plus a driver for each car, make up each Bible camp caravan team. These teams spend from one to three weeks at a camp, serving primarily as counselors. However, they help out in many other areas, too—recreation, administration, music, life saving, campfires. They usually have an opportunity to do a little recruiting for the church colleges, and they are always glad to help solve local League problems.

A week of training is given by the YPLL staff during the first part of June. Transportation and all living costs are provided, as well as $25.00 a month for incidental expenses.

Parish Mission Builders

One team, composed in the same way as the Bible Camp caravaners, will be available this year to visit parishes who want help in their evangelism programs. They will assist in setting up a canvass or visitation program, make calls, and help the pastor in the training program. They will also be prepared to put on programs for local auxiliary meetings. They will stay one week with each congregation that calls them.

Like the Bible camp caravaners, they will receive one week of training before their travels. Transportation and living costs will be provided, as well as $25.00 a month.

Institutional Services

There is a great need for individuals who are willing to do the odd jobs and manual duties required in our charitable institutions. Many young people can be used in our homes for the aged, and some are needed for the children's homes. The period of service would be the three summer months, but there are also opportunities for serving longer if desired. Room and board will be supplied by the home, plus $25.00 a month for incidental expenses.

Home Mission Builders

This is a program for young men who would like to have a part in building the first or second unit of a Home Mission church. This primarily involves manual labor, although it is possible the congregation would like these teams to help in youth work, also. Team members will live with various members of the congregation, receiving living costs and $25.00 a month.

Foreign Work Camps

Next summer, 20 young people will build a Bible camp in Hamar, Norway, under the supervision of Professor and Mrs. Arne Flaten of St. Olaf College. It has been proved that work camps are most meaningful when the participants pay for their own transportation. For this work camp, that cost is estimated to be $650.00. The camp will last for the entire three summer months, including travel time. Opportunity will be given for traveling elsewhere in Europe, should that be desired.

Summary

These are only the bare facts concerning this program of volunteer service. Every one of these categories calls for sacrifice, hard work, and a warm love for Christ.

The basic financial arrangement includes board, room, transportation, and $25.00 a month for incidental expense. The age group desired is 18-24. This is an invitation to interested college students, working men and women, and young people who are uncertain about their immediate plans.

Application cards may be obtained from

Young People's Luther League
422 South Fifth Street
Minneapolis 15, Minnesota

or from heads of the religion departments of the colleges and YPLL circuit presidents.

Deadline for applications is February 1, 1957.

Meditations for the Family Altar

J. R. Hestenes

TOWARD THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Epistle: I John 1:1-7

The Gospel: John 3:22-36

Monday, December 17
HAPPINESS

Read Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand.

One of the tasks of the Christian in se days is to keep sorting out the true n the false. Christmas is coming soon, people everywhere are running to fro, caught in the rush. Doing the ngs you are supposed to do at Christ- time, and generally getting all worn . Sure, it's a happy season. But if you w what Christmas stands for, you'll areful to keep that right out in front. at's the cause for the happiness you e: Christ came to be Savior.

Paul says we should let all men know "forbearance." That gives you a pic- of holding yourself back for joy. In r waiting for His coming you are de yourself; you are trying to be ient. But everything you do at Christ- time is an expressing of the joy you e. Some people don't know what the piness of Christmas is. You and I st let them know.

Tuesday, December 18
GOOD ROAD FOR JESUS

Read John 1:19-28

"I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as the prophet Isaiah said."

Sometimes you are tempted to think that the way Christmas is celebrated, it would be best not to have Christmas at all. The real fact of Christmas becomes lost under a pile of things.

A little story, written to sound like a press release, was made up to illustrate this truth. It told how a janitor was busy sweeping in a department store late one night before Christmas. Under a counter he found the body of a man. It was thin and poorly clad. "And in the hands," the story said, "the janitor thought he saw nailprints." He had been crushed to death by the mob getting ready for Christmas.

How carefully we must remember that Jesus can come to us only on a Way that is prepared. That is equally true of the right remembering of His birthday among men. We must keep Christ in Christmas. And to do so we must by prayer prepare the way.

Wednesday, December 19
LIGHTS

Read I John 1:1-7

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him is no darkness at all.

Every light you see at Christmas time should be a reminder to you of this passage. The lights we have in our homes, the gay colors, the candles, the decorations in the streets, may all remind us of the fact that God is light, and that Jesus is the Light of the world.

There is beautiful imagery in this. You can begin with the flickering lights of prophecy and watch them until you see the Star of Bethlehem shining bravely to lead to the manger. Then you can watch when the little Child has grown and is talking to people. You can see how the light comes into their eyes, and they smile because they see. And you watch those people who answered His invitation to follow Him. You see how sure-footed they are. They're not walking in darkness anymore.

Next time you light a candle, think of this.

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Thursday, December 20
WHAT DO YOU SEE?

Read John 1:29-34

'And I have seen and have borne wit- s that this is the Son of God."

It is a remarkable truth that every- ng we see, like all we hear or feel, is orded in the mind. And there it is filed ay to stay. Sometimes we remember ngs that surprise us; we marvel that it ayed with us so long." Other things n to have big space in our minds be- se we give them so much attention t they don't get buried in some "back m" of our mind. If you have truly ked for Jesus you have found Him. u have seen Him. He is in the fore- nt of your thoughts at all times. n saw the Son of God.

It is a further truth that ordinarily ple speak what is on their minds. John . "And have borne witness," he said. s not enough that we should see Him; must also bear witness to Him. This kes it complete. If you are about your iness as a saved child of God, you l let others know by witnessing. Not making a spectacle of yourself, but by e living and gracious speaking.

Friday, December 21
NOT YET

Read I Peter 1:10-13

Therefore gird up your minds, be sober, set your hope fully upon the grace that is coming to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Because we know that Jesus is coming again to judge, and to take home forever all those who are His by faith, we have a hope. But because we are here in the world, we have to keep on saying, Not yet. It's just as though we are thinking of how it is to be with Jesus, and comparing that with the roughness and toughness of life. And if we get impatient we must say, perfection will come, but not yet.

In the meantime, though, we will not please God if we dislike all things about life. We are to love our homes, our work, our friends. We are to enjoy good things. We should laugh and be happy as Christians. Girding up your mind and being sober and setting your hope fully upon the grace of God makes you a wise and happy person. And you'll carry on that way until God says, "All right; now you may come."

Saturday, December 22
SENT

Read John 5:31-39

"But the testimony I have is greater than that of John; for the works which the Father has granted me to accomplish, these very works which I am doing, bear me witness that the Father has sent me."

How difficult it was for Jesus that there were so many people who did not believe He came from the Father. Even in the presence of His wonderful works they stood there, stubborn and cold. They refused to admit belief because they didn't want to believe. They had selfish reasons for it.

There are many today, of course, who do not have the foggiest notion what this "Jesus business" is all about. We are not thinking of the "smart" people who smirk at the teachings of the Bible; we are thinking of those who are truly confused. They want to know Jesus. Let it be brought to them that this Jesus we worship, and whose birthday we celebrate at Christmas, was sent from the Father. The works He did are still being done for all who have need of His help.

Gerhard E. Lenski

Washington Comment

OUR NEW RED CROSS LEADER

The new leader of the American National Red Cross is General Alfred Maximillian Gruenther. This is a most commendable choice. An investigation of the qualifications of General Gruenther establishes the fact that the committee making the selection has acted wisely and well.

General Gruenther hails from Nebraska. He has had a world-wide experience both in military and diplomatic affairs. In all assignments he has proven himself able and worthy. He has a tremendous capacity for work and great ability as an organizer and administrator. As a leader, he gives much, and he asks much of those who serve under him. He has been called "the brains of the army," in short, "the brain." He is said to enjoy the complete confidence of President Eisenhower, under whom and with whom he has served. He finds time for his family in spite of many pressures in other directions. He is abstemious. He does not smoke. At a cocktail party where the liquor was flowing freely, he is reported to have said to his host: "No, thank you. I have only one stomach to give for my country."

Retiring from the Army, he turned down several offers to go into business with salaries in the $100,000 a year class. In lending his efforts to such a worthy cause as that of the Red Cross, we feel that General Gruenther deserves the respect and cooperation of all true Americans. General, we salute you!

STATISTICS TO MAKE YOU THINK

Cigarette sales are staging a comeback. The first great fear of throat and lung cancer which depressed sales in 1954 is now waning. American smokers, especially our cigarette smokers, now smoke more than ever. So says the Department of Agriculture, which estimates a record consumption of 395 billion cigarettes for the past year, and which predicts a 3% increase for the coming year with a top level which may reach 425 billion. While we watch these figures closely, let's also watch another figure—the national health report, especially as it relates to throat and lung cancer.

It is significant to note that the American Cancer Society, headed by Governor Walter J. Koehler of Wisconsin, has just announced that it will spend a record high of $8,000,000 next year on cancer research. Obviously, our cancer experts do not feel that their problem is anywhere near being solved. On the contrary, these folks seem to regard the situation as desperate. Listen to Governor Koehler: "The major hope for the future lies in research. Despite great progress, about 20,000,000 living Americans are now marked for cancer unless research finds new means of preventing or curing this disease."

This new research will be supervised by a Scientific Advisory Council of fifteen eminent scientists, aided by panels selected from 90 leaders in medical research. Supplementing this enlarged effort, our Government has allocated $20,000,000 to the National Cancer Institute for studies in chemotherapy, the use of chemicals to cure or to check cancer. Could some of us help in this field of chemotherapy by declaring war on a certain chemical called "nicotine"? Let's try it!

Bishop Ordass Writes . . .

A report that seems to indicate i found freedoms for the Luthe Church of Hungary, in spite of un tled political and economic conditi was received recently from Bishop jos Ordass by the NLC News Bur

In a letter dated November 16, Bishop states that he and his fa are safe in Budapest and that the g eral situation of his Church is m improved, although he adds, "wha to happen with our country is at p ent an unsolved puzzle."

The letter addressed to Luthe World Relief stresses the need of Church of Hungary for money, f and clothing, and at the same t gives this account of conditions the

"Church life is now unhampe Services are held without hindra After many years we are permitted enter hospitals. Although schools many places have not yet reopened, have started free religious instruct everywhere. Where it cannot be d in the schools, it is carried on in parish home. There are no obsta We also have the right to carry freely services of love."

As he went on to state that the fut of Hungary is "an unsolved puzzl Bishop Ordass pointed out that H gary "has suffered losses, although fr the church point of view they are too great, but the threat of hunger a the rigors of winter are upon people."

"If there is a possibility to help with food and clothing in such a w as to insure that we will really rece the help, we would be very grateful it. Small sums of money are necess to solve certain problems," the bish said. However, he stressed that "if th is no guarantee that this help w reach the addressee, we would pre to continue to carry on patiently in situation as we have done."

"I ask for your prayers for our seve ly tested Church and for our peo Especially in the shadow of the cr we have experienced many astonish miracles of God."

Here and There on the Christian Front

Edited by Raymond M. Olson

RECORD NUMBER OF MISSIONARIES

A record total of 23,432 Protestant missionaries from the United States and Canada are serving abroad, according to a survey made by the Missionary Research Library, an agency operated jointly by the Foreign Missions Division of the National Council of Churches and Union Theological Seminary.

The present figure shows that there are nearly 5,000 more missionaries today than four years ago, and that the current is more than twice that of 20 years ago when there were 11,289 missionaries serving abroad. Some 280 boards and agencies reported receiving $200,000,000 to finance the missionary enterprise in 1955. About $100,000,000 of this amount was spent overseas, the remainder being used for administration, furloughs, equipment, and other expenses at home.

The survey also showed that Protestant missionaries are serving in 100 foreign countries. India leads all others in the number of missionaries, with 1,627 currently serving there. Next is Japan with 1,562; and the Belgian Congo with 1,195. China, once host to 1,092 American Protestant missionaries, now has one, held in prison. He is the Rev. Paul Mackenson, a graduate of St. Olaf College, serving under the United Lutheran Church in America, who is held by Communists in Shanghai.

The survey also disclosed that six out of every ten missionaries are women. However, it showed that fewer single women are serving in foreign missions than formerly. About 28 per cent of the missionaries are ordained, as against 34 per cent four years ago. More than 2,000, roughly 11 per cent, are physicians and nurses.

Dr. Frank W. Price, director of the research library, said that most of the increase since 1952 was accounted for by evangelical associations, independent boards, and faith societies. These groups sent an additional 4,170 workers, as compared to 631 more sent by established boards or agencies cooperating in the NCC's Division of Foreign Missions. Dr. Price noted that the cooperating boards of the older church bodies have placed greater emphasis on supporting Christian workers who are nationals of the overseas countries being served.

MONEY FOR NORWEGIAN CHURCH

Two new major steps were taken in Oslo to provide additional expansion funds for the State Church of Norway, the Lutheran Church. The government introduced a bill in Parliament to establish a National Church Fund of 8,000,000 kroner ($1,120,000), the interest of which should be used for Church activity. Meanwhile, the Norwegian Church launched a "stewardship" campaign, called Christian Action, to raise 1,000,000 kroner ($140,000) a year.

The National Church Fund will be used for extra pastoral work in special situations, restoration and erection of churches where local funds are insufficient, scholarships and church representation at international conferences. Most of the income from the Christian Action program will go to complete projects undertaken by the Church since World War II with the help of Lutheran Churches in America. Other Christian Action funds will be used to strengthen the Church's ministry to the armed forces and to youth in industry.

DAYTON FOOD CHAINS CLOSE ON SUNDAY

For the first time in more than a year all major chain food stores in the Dayton, Ohio, area are closed Sundays. The Albers, Kroger, and Liberal chains, which operate about 50 stores in the area, jointly announced they would close "in the best interest of the community." They had been open for Sunday business since October, 1955.

In a joint statement in full-page newspaper ads, the three chains said: "We believe it has now been proven that the unlimited Sunday openings of retail stores of many types is an evil which could soon destroy the traditional observance of Sunday and therefore would undermine an important and worthwhile phase of community life. . . .

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CHURCH SPONSORS "HOT ROD" CLUB—A "Hot Rod" Club is one of the "red-blooded" youth activities sponsored by First Baptist Church, San Bernardino, California. The hot-rodders, known as Nikonians (Greek for "conquerors"), meet once a week at a garage to conduct business and work over their motors. Photo shows two club members learning how to take an air filter apart under the instruction of their adult advisor. Other youth activities at the church include photography and dramatics clubs and boxing lessons.

"We hope that our positive action against Sunday business will encourage other commercial enterprises in this area to follow. Also, we hope that the interested parties who have worked with us in opposing Sunday business will not let up, but will apply even more energy to finish the job."

Church groups had taken a strong stand against Sunday business.

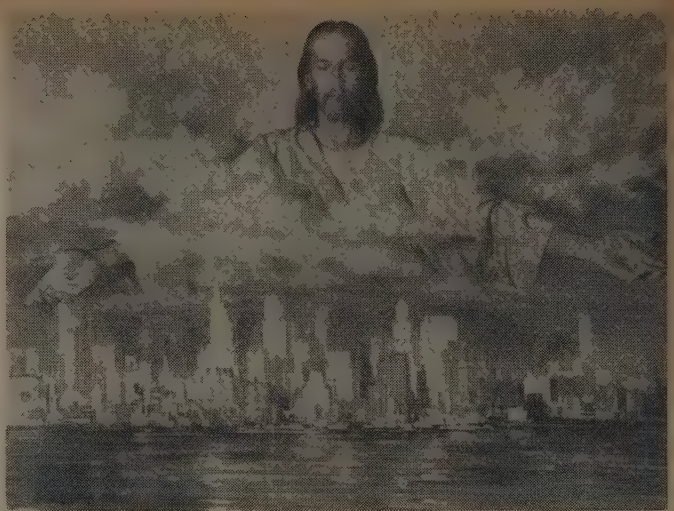
CATHOLIC STUDENTS WHO 'GO STEADY' FACE EXPULSION

Expulsion faces Catholic Central High School students in Steubenville, Ohio, who "go steady." Commenting on the rule which he put into effect three years ago, Bishop John King Mussio of that city said that young people without any hope of marriage in the near future are, without justifying causes, "placing themselves in the near occasion of grave sin by going steady. Every youth leader under my jurisdiction has a directive to use drastic measures where the morals of our young ones are concerned," he said.

St. Mary's Roman Catholic High School in Lynn, Mass., recently moved to bar students who "go steady" from "any position of leadership or honor." The action was endorsed by Archbishop Richard J. Cushing of Boston, civic leaders, and Protestant and Catholic clergymen in the Boston area.

WORTHY OF NOTE . . .

The Canadian Council of Churches, at its biennial meeting in Kitchener, Ontario, called on the World Council of Churches to send a two-man team into Colombia for an on-the-spot investigation of alleged persecution of Protestants in that country. . . . A ban on the weekday religious education program in which 55,000 Virginia public school students participate was urged by the Baptist General Association of Virginia at its annual meeting in Alexandria. . . . Members of First Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas, subscribed $1,523,691 in tithes and offerings on a single Sunday. This was $18,691 more than the initial goal. . . . Alaskan officials have asked the federal appeals court in San Francisco to throw out a suit challenging a 1955 territorial law which provides bus transportation for parochial school pupils at public expense.



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"CHRIST OF THE CITY"—This six by nine foot reproduction of a painting by Har Anderson, "Christ of the City," was unveiled at the dedication of a new $900,000 cent by the Seventh-day Adventists in Times Square, New York City. It hangs in an alco at the rear of the center's auditorium. Dedicated to "Christ and clean living," the cent is located in the heart of the night club and theater district. Its location was deliberate planned to bring the witness of the Adventists to the area. The center provides hea lectures, panel discussions, concerts, exhibits, recreation, and a reading room.

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INDUSTRIAL PLANTS GET BIBLES—Gideon Bibles are being distributed in recepti rooms of many industrial plants in Connecticut under a plan sponsored by the Manufacture Association of Connecticut. Shown examining some of the Bibles at the Associatio headquarters are left to right: Albert S. Redway of New Haven, president of the MA Ezra Kihlgren of Hartford, past state president of Gideon's International; John Coolidge West Hartford, treasurer of the MAC and son of former president Calvin Coolidge; a Walter Govertson of Bridgeport, state president of the Gideons. The Bible-in-indus movement is believed to be the first of its kind in the country.

AUGUSTANA COLLEGE

man who spent only about three nths in school in his life has given 000 to Augustana College.

Knut Hagenson, 79, of Rapid City, nated that amount to Augustana for in the completion of a chapel for new Men's Dormitory. The gift s in honor of his mother, Gure genson, who died about 23 years . Knut came to this country in 1890 h his mother and two brothers from rdanger, Norway. College presiden- assistant Sam Carlsen was the first nterest Mr. Hagenson in the college. rlsen saw the Rapid City man while a visit with the Reverend Sylvan R. e of Trinity Lutheran Church there. e contribution, which is sufficient completion of the dormitory chapel, ne the morning after Hagenson and rlsen talked.

CONCORDIA COLLEGE

ncordia College completed its 1956 tball season with five wins and two es to give them the second place e among the eight schools in the nnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Con- ence.

n addition to the second place title ncordia was also named by St. John's iversity as the most sportsmanlike m in the conference. This is the rd consecutive year that Concordia received this honor, and it is also third year that such a team has n named.

Further honors bestowed on the Con- dia team included the placing of ee Cobbers on the MIAC Sports- ters' All Conference Team, making ncordia the only school in the con- ence to have three men on the team. ose named were Bill Quenette of st Fargo, N. D., Al Tweit of Glen- od, Minn., and Arnold Porkenon of w York Mills, Minn.

LUTHER COLLEGE

e campus newspaper of Luther Col- e, "College Chips," received its six- teenth All-American rating, top award of the Associated Collegiate Press. The rating was awarded for the issues published during the second semester of 1955-56, under the co-editorship of Harlan Wilson, Cherokee, Iowa, a 1956 graduate, and M. Jarvin Emerson, Minneapolis, a senior.

The award was Chips' seventh in a row. Scoring in the ACP's Critical Service is based on comparison of papers with the same frequency of publication. Of the 43 newspapers entered from schools of like enrollment, seven received the All-American rating.

Luther College will begin construction next year on the east wing of Brandt Hall, women's dormitory, according to Dr. A. O. Davidson, vice president in charge of development. He states that bids will be let after Christmas, and construction will begin early next year. The new addition will house 172 women students. Brandt Hall presently houses 220 students. It consists of a west wing and center wing. The latter contains lounges, recreation and study areas. The east wing will be identical to the west wing except for the addition of a small chapel. Brandt Hall, which was constructed in 1950, is part of the 15-year long range development program scheduled for 1945-1970.

PACIFIC LUTHERAN COLLEGE

Pacific Lutheran debaters won 20 and lost 10 debates in the Columbia Valley Tourney at Washington State College November 16 and 17. Betty Lou Bronice and Anita Schnell tied for first in senior women's debate; Neal Munson and Thomas Reeves tied for second in senior men's; and Jeris Randall and Bettelou MacDonald took second in junior women's.

ST. OLAF COLLEGE

Three outstanding students at St. Olaf were recently elected into membership of Phi Beta Kappa, oldest scholastic society in the United States. Two of them are from Minnesota, Lee Ann Irgens of Fergus Falls, and Bradley Hanson of Mankato, while the third is from Chicago, Halvor Ronning. They will be formally initiated into the St. Olaf chapter during spring ceremonies at the campus.

Since the St. Olaf chapter began in 1949, over 200 have been named to membership. Fifteen faculty members with a Phi Beta Kappa Key also meet with the chapter. The chapter president this year is Dr. Albert Finholt of the college chemistry department, who has just returned from a year of study in Norway.

WAGNER COLLEGE

An institution of the United Lutheran Church in America, Wagner College, located on Staten Island, New York, has announced two more steps in the program started this year to strengthen its service to supporting churches of the Synods of New York-New England, and New Jersey. An extension of the program now in effect of granting a $150 courtesy tuition discount to children of Lutheran clergymen has been made to include this same discount to children of full-time professional lay workers in the Lutheran Church.

The second step in this new program of service to the Church is the offering of two courses being planned for the fall semester of 1957-58 in the areas of Lutheran music and Lutheran history and doctrine. One of the courses, outlined by the department of religion and philosophy, will be an examination of the history, teaching, and practice of the Lutheran Churches. A course in the music of the Lutheran service, which will be of value to all students planning to enter full-time service of the Church, will deal with the music sung in Martin Luther's time, as well as the study and singing of the music in the Common Service today.

Within the E.L.C.

MINISTRY TO MIGRANT WORKERS

A program among the Mexican migrant workers was initiated this past summer through an $800 grant by the WMF of the ELC. Two Concordia College students, Miss Majel Anderson of Hitterdal, Minn., and Miss Gloria Fenne of Leonard, N. Dak., conducted surveys in Cass County and in the city of Grand Forks and gathered much material that will be valuable in the ongoing program in this field.

Under the leadership of the Rev. C. F. Savereide, the Hillsboro, N. Dak. parish again successfully sought out and brought to its churches Mexican children and adults. Each morning during Vacation Bible School, Pastor Savereide loaded his car with Mexican children. There was also increased activity on the Minnesota side of the Red River. Under the auspices of the National Lutheran Council, several Vacation Bible Schools were held for Mexican children.

NLC TEACHERS CONVENTION

The ninth annual convention of the Lutheran Teachers Association among National Lutheran Council congregations was held in Westchester, Calif. recently. The convention was attended by more than 125 teachers, administrators, and pastors from California, Arizona, and British Columbia, Canada.

The main speaker was Mr. Don A. Vetter of the ALC school in Blue Island, Ill. His topics were: "Our Religious Curriculum," "A Suggested Child Guidance Policy," and "Our School Faculty at Work." At the banquet, the Rev. Allen Hanson from the UELC school in Lynwood, Calif. was master of ceremonies. Dr. Gaylerd Falde, president of the California District of the ELC spoke on the many aspects of church-school relationships.

ELC NEWS ON AIR DAILY

News of the people, departments, and agencies of The Evangelical Lutheran Church is broadcast daily on OUR CHURCH, a quarter-hour program originating in the broadcasting and recording studio of the Office of Public Relations.

Appearing regularly are department heads and staff members. Frequently, too, laymen and pastors of individual congregations tell of special projects and Christian growth in their communities. Programs are prepared by the various departments and agencies in cooperation with the Office of Public Relations. Program coordination, introductions, and occasional reports and interviews are handled by James V. Anderson, of the radio-television section of the office. Warren L. Holmen is recording engineer.

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LWF ASSEMBLY CHOIR ORGANIZES

Alumni of Lutheran college choirs are invited to join a choir which will sing at the Lutheran World Federation Assembly next August. Tryouts for those not present at the organization meeting will be held on Jan. [illegible] at 7:30 p.m., at Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church, 41st and 17th Ave. So., Minneapolis. The first rehearsal will be at Bethel Church on Jan. [illegible] at 7:30 p.m. Dr. Olaf C. Christiansen of St. Olaf College is the director.

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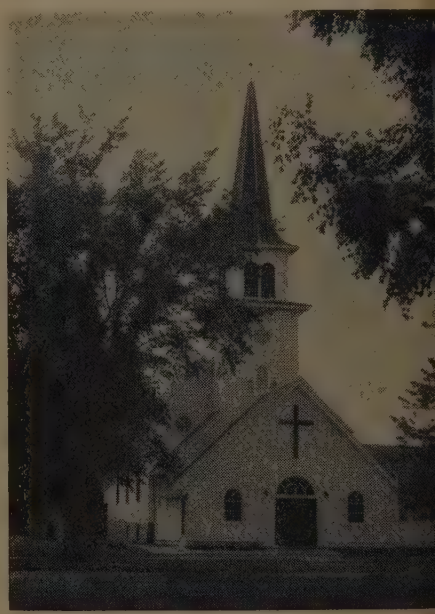

GROVE CITY ANNIVERSARY AND DEDICATION—On Sept. 15-16, Immanuel Lutheran Church of Grove City, Minn. celebrated its 80th anniversary and dedicated the new church entry. Former pastors E. R. Weeks of Hayfield, Minn. and I. R. Gronlid of Peterson, Minn. took part in the various services, and District President E. C. Reinertson performed the act of dedication. Interesting features of the anniversary celebration were an historical pageant and a Norwegian church service, complete with "klokker," baptism, and Norwegian choir. During the past two years, the congregation has increased its membership over forty per cent and its budget over one hundred per cent. The Rev. Erling W. Hansen is pastor.

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irst East Koshkonong, Rockdale, Cambridge Churches in Wisconsin ntly honored their pastor, the **Rev. f Borge,** on the 50th anniversary of ordination. Pastor Borge was given ound trip ticket to Norway, plus 00 for his expenses, and was nted a four-month leave of absence inning May 22, 1957. He has served parish since September, 1924.

fter 42 years of service in Foreign sions—13 years as a missionary to na and 29 years as a field represen- ve for the Board of Foreign Mis- s—the **Rev. A. W. Haugan** retired n his work as field representative November.

On Nov. 25, the **Rev. Orwoll Ander-** was installed as Protestant chap- of the State Training School at Wing, Minn.

The Rev. P. J. Nestande died in Min- polis, Minn. on Nov. 19. Obituary r.

The Rev. Warren L. Heggem has pted a call to Oak Knoll Church Minneapolis, and will begin his k there on March 3. He has been or of Trinity Church in San Fran- o, Calif.

The Rev. Paul G. Tolo has accepted all to Zion and West Wild Rice rches of Twin Valley, Minn. He begin his pastorate there on Feb. 957. He is now serving First Lu- an and Lost Island Churches of ettinger, Iowa.

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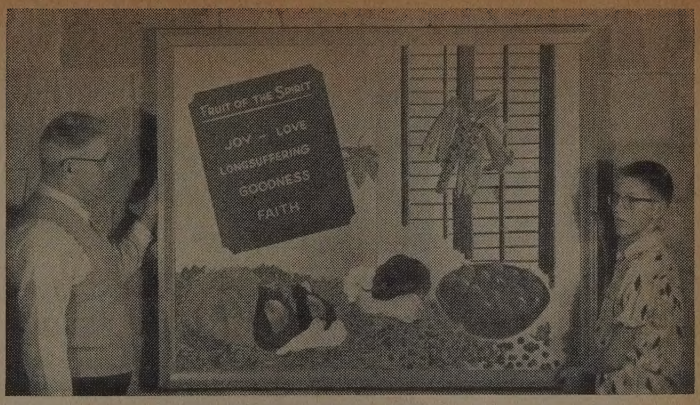
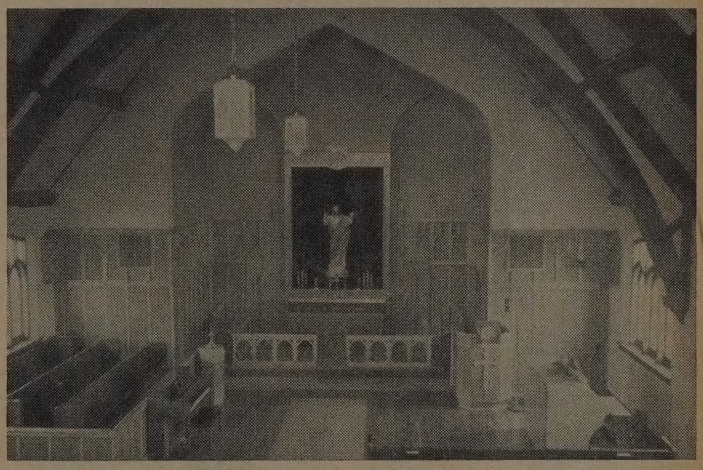
arron, Wis. First Lutheran Church ntly dedicated a new Sunday school ding, which cost $95,000 completely ished. A former pastor of the con- gation, the Rev. P. E. Van Tassel, ched at the morning worship serv- and the Rev. H. A. Hanson, assist- to the president of the Eastern rict, officiated at the dedication ice and preached at the Youth Rally he evening. The Rev. E. J. Nesset astor.

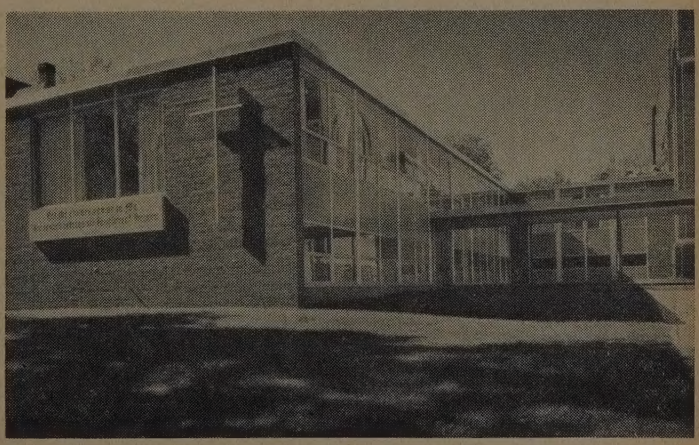
ICATION AT ZION, MINNEAPOLIS— lovely educational unit was dedicated Oct. 14 at Zion Church, North Lyndale 6th Ave., Minneapolis. Dr. E. C. Rei- on, president of the Southern Minne- District, officiated at the dedication ces, and Dr. O. G. Malmin, a former or of Zion, brought greetings. The Rev. Manford Knudsvig is pastor.



FATHER-SON TEAM PAINT THANKSGIVING MURAL—Mr. Milburn Murphy and his son Mike of Richland, Washington, painted the mural shown above, for display in the Richland Lutheran Church at the two Thanksgiving Day services. Mike, an eighth grade student, and his dad teamed up in planning and painting the mural. The Rev. J. R. Reitan is pastor.



DEDICATION OF CHANCEL FURNITURE—The Hitterdal Lutheran Church, Iola, Wis., recently dedicated its renovated chancel and new chancel furniture. Pastor C. W. Solberg of Villa Park, Ill., who was baptized and confirmed in the Hitterdal church, preached the sermon and performed the rite of dedication. Mr. James Olson of Iola designed the altar, chancel chairs, baptismal font, communion rail, and pulpit. Carved emblems add charm and meaning to the furniture. Pastor H. P. Walker, who served the congregation for eight and one-half years, has recently moved to Ettrick, Wis.



Portland, Maine. During October, First Lutheran Church doubled its original goal by raising more than $70,000 toward a first unit of a new church, as well as increasing the budget pledges by 50 per cent. The congregation plans to relocate, leaving the downtown site it has occupied for 78 years. The Rev. Herman E. Jorgensen, Jr. is pastor of the congregation.

Cameron, Wis. Dr. Rolf Syrdal, secretary of Foreign Missions for the ELC, was the speaker at a Luther League Family Night held at Faith Lutheran Church recently. His subject was "Missions in a Revolutionary Age." Pastor of Faith Church is the Rev. M. Laurel Gray.

Northern Minnesota

Mahnomen, Minn. The Rev. S. A. Urberg will begin serving First Lutheran Church here the middle of December. He was formerly pastor of Crow River and Big Grove Churches in Belgrade, Minn.

Duluth, Minn. Zion congregation, O. M. Grimsby, pastor, recently called the Rev. Marshall Moen of Dwight, N. Dak. as co-pastor. He was installed on Sunday, Nov. 11, by Dr. Arthur Hanson, president of the Northern Minnesota District. Pastor Grimsby has served the congregation for 24 years.

Wadena, Minn. About 150 members of Immanuel congregation surprised their pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Olaf C. Cartford, on the occasion of their fifth wedding anniversary and the fifth anniversary of their coming to serve the congregation. A beautiful television set was presented to honor the anniversary.

On Oct. 28, the congregation observed its 20th anniversary with a festival service at which former pastor O. K. Wold preached. The president of the congregation presented Pastor Wold with a check for $365, to cover his pension for the time when he had served them—an amount they had been unable to meet in those days.

Southern Minnesota

Rochester, Minn. Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, a Home Mission congregation organized three years ago in the northwest area of the city, is now building an addition to its first unit, a two-story annex measuring 30 by 70 feet. The cost of the structure will be about $32,000. On Nov. 11, 100 new members were accepted into the congregation, bringing the total membership to 635. About 65% of this number are communicant members. The Rev. Joseph B. Shefveland is pastor.

North Dakota

Warwick, N. Dak. On Nov. 11, a Hammond Spinet organ was dedicated at the Warwick Lutheran Church, Stanley Satre, intern pastor. The organ was given in memory of the late Dan Chance, who had been a member of the congregation.

South Dakota

Parker, S. Dak. The three congregations of the Parker parish—Grace Lutheran of Parker, Bethany of Hurley, and Salem of Freeman—recently gave their pastor, the Rev. Virgil O. Johnson, and his family a substantial cash gift to be used toward the purchase of a new car.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For Sale: Old pews, seating more than 300, available at bargain prices on Jan. 15, 1957. Write Eugene Klima, 518 East Main St., Owatonna, Minn.

OBITUARIES

Dr. Oscar L. Olson

Dr. Oscar L. Olson, 84, president emeritus of Luther College, suffered a fatal heart attack on Nov. 19 and died at a hospital in Decorah, Iowa.

Dr. Olson served for over half a century as Luther College professor and administrator. In 1955, Luther College named a new residence hall for men, Oscar L. Olson Hall, in his honor.

Born in Chicago in 1872, Dr. Olson attended grade school at Marcus, Iowa in Cherokee county. He graduated from Luther College in 1893 after three years in the preparatory department and four years in the college. In 1901, he returned to Luther as professor of English. He was named president of the college in 1921 and held that position until his resignation in 1932. Dr. Olson retired in 1942 at the age of 70 but continued to teach part-time until 1952.

Dr. Olson received his master's degree from the University of Minnesota in 1903. In 1914 the University Chicago conferred the doctor of osophy degree upon him. Prior to teaching at Luther College, he ta at academies of the Lutheran ch at Bode, Iowa; Portland, N. Dak.; Albert Lea, Minn.

Dr. Olson's administration was era of growth and development in rollment, physical resources, and fessional competence of the fac During the eleven-year period of Olson's presidency, Koren library completed, C. K. Preus gymnasium erected, the broadcasting stat KWLC, was established and the lege farm of 360 acres was acqu The college enrollment doubled the curriculum was liberalized. W president of the college, Dr. Olson vocated the introduction of coeduca and in 1936, the college became educational.

In recognition of his dedication life-long service to Christian Educa Luther College conferred on Dr. O the honorary degree of Doctor of ters in 1951.

A memorial service at Luther lege was held on Nov. 21 at the chapel, with Pres. J. W. Ylvisaker ciating. Funeral services were held afternoon at First Lutheran Chu Decorah. Dr. Olson is survived by wife, the former Clara Elizabeth lixson; two sons, the Rev. Walter Olson, Rhinelander, Wis., and Dr. F. Olson, surgeon in North Hollyw Calif.; seven grandchildren; two g grandchildren; and one sister, Jacob Torgerson, Minneapolis.

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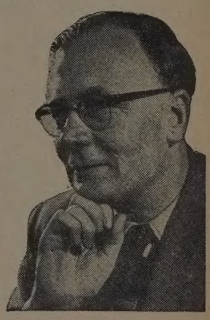

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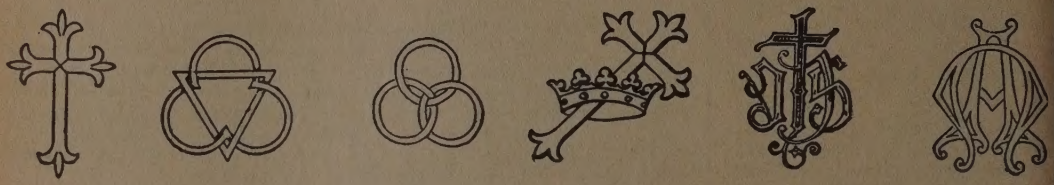

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